SIX MEET DEATH ON KEARSARGE

The Powder in Big Warship's Turret Ignites.

TWO OFFICERS AMONG THE KILLED.

Disaster Occurs Just After Target Practice near the Battleship in Caribbean Sea—Several Bags of a Thirteen-inch Gun Charge of Powder Explode While Being Moved Below from the Forward Turret.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—News of a disastrous explosion upon the battleship Kearsarge, while at target practice near the Guantanamo station, created consternation at the navy department.

Just two years ago to the day the explosion of a 13-inch gun on the battleship Missouri, while at target practice off Pensacola, Fla., caused the loss of five officers and twenty-six seamen.

The receipt of intelligence found the secretary of the navy out of the city and President Roosevelt assisting in the laying of the cornerstone for the office building of the House of Representatives.

The news was conveyed to the bureau of navigation in the following message from Commander Winslow:

"On April 13, about 3:15 P. M., shortly after completion target practice of Kearsarge, forward turret while the powder was going below, three sections of a thirteen-inch charge were ignited. Charge of powder in other till just below and one section inside thirteen-inch retained intact. Cause not yet determined.

"Matter is being investigated.

"Lieut. Joseph W. Greene, gun umpire, sent to the Maryland in a very critical state about 9 P. M.

"The following have since died:

"Lieutenant Hodgins, turret officer.

"Peter Norberg, gunner's mate.

"Theodore Naegley, seaman.

"Arthur C. Thorson, ordinary seaman.

"Julius A. Koester, turret captain, first-class.

"Ellis H. Athey, seaman.

"Following dangerously injured by accident, recovery doubtful:

"W. King, ordinary seaman.

"Will bury dead at Guantanamo.

"Vessel uninjured."

The translated copy of the cablegram from Captain Winslow was laid before the President. He directed that a message of condolence be sent at once. In accordance with these instructions Assistant Secretary Newberry sent the following to Rear Admiral Evans, in command of the fleet:

"The department is deeply grieved by the unfortunate accident on board the Kearsarge which occasioned the death and injury in the performance of duty of brave officers and men in the navy, and it extends its heartfelt sympathy to the injured and wishes for a speedy recovery from their wounds. Spare no effort to ease the sufferings of the injured in every possible manner and show every honor to the dead.

"Newberry."

The department recognizes Captain Winslow as a careful officer, but it will demand that a most exhaustive inquiry be made with a view of ascertaining the cause and providing means to prevent a repetition of explosions on American battleships.

The department is at a loss to understand how the powder should have been discharged after the practice had been concluded.

State Militia on Guard.

Springfield, Mo., (Special).—State militia, reinforced by 200 deputy sheriffs, guard the streets of Springfield against possible renewed action by a mob that during Saturday night lynched three negroes in the public square. There are hundreds of strangers in Springfield, and the anti-negro feeling still runs high.

Although no untoward move was made during the day, many threats were heard, and Sheriff Horner, fearing a fresh outbreak when darkness should fall, telegraphed Governor Folk early in the day for aid. The Governor responded promptly, and within a few hours six companies of militia were on the way to Springfield from various parts of Missouri.

Religious War in Poland.

London (Special).—The correspondent at Warsaw of the Chronicle reports that the conflict between the Jewish element and the Orthodox Catholics is increasing in intensity. A pitched battle in which 3,000 persons participated occurred on Friday in the environs of Warsaw, resulting in two Catholics being killed and 30 wounded. Grave fears are entertained of disturbances during the Easter fetes.

Six Killed By Tornado.

Dallas, Texas, (Special).—It is reported that six persons were killed and several injured in the tornado which swept over Hugo, Texas. A number of buildings in the district were destroyed. At Cleburne, Texas, the storm blew down the grand stand in the ball park during the progress of a game. Several persons were injured. The heaviest rainfall in years fell in Dallas and a general rain is reported over North Texas.

Blizzard in Colorado.

Omaha, Neb., (Special).—A wind, snow and sleet storm of unusual severity is sweeping over the western part of Nebraska and extending into eastern Colorado and into the Black Hills. All Union Pacific headquarters the storm was reported more severe in the vicinity of Julesburg, Col., where the wind reached at a rate of 60 miles an hour, with a heavy snow falling.

Russia To Get $450,000,000.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris says that the negotiations for the new Russian loan have been concluded. The loan will be issued on April 26, and will be for $450,000,000. Of this sum $240,000,000 will be allotted to France, a portion to be given to Geneva and Brussels financiers; $100,000,000 to St. Petersburg, and the balance will be subscribed in England and Austria.

Killed With Pitchfork.

Staunton, Va., (Special).—William Ryan is dead as the result of an injury received Wednesday morning in a personal encounter with D. M. Kyle. Ryan was struck on the head with a pitchfork, and his skull fractured in two places. He was not thought to be seriously injured and went about his work till sunday, when he became sick, and was taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed, and two clots of blood removed from his brain.

LATESTNEWS INSHORTORDER

DOMESTIC

It was testified during the legislative investigation of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company that Mrs. Henry L. Palmer, wife of the president of the company, got eight per cent. interest on loans from the company.

New York financiers are discussing the formation of an institution similar to the Bank of England, with fifty millions capital, to control the money market.

Contractors Greene and Gaynor were fined $225,649 and given four years each, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in Savannah harbor work.

While the epidemic of typhoid in Pittsburg is decreasing, towns along the Ohio River below Pittsburg, report alarming number of cases.

Governor Higgins has signed the Armstrong Insurance Bills affecting rebating and the acquisition of real estate.

A six-inch gun crew on the cruiser Pennsylvania broke the world's record by making 17 hits in 90 seconds.

Mrs. W. C. Jutte, widow of a Pittsburg coal millionaire, testified in court that Frank N. Hoffest and James W. Friend got nearly $4,000,000 of her husband's money for a loan of $200,000.

Governor Pennypacker announced that the State of Pennsylvania had recovered all the money it had on deposit in the Enterprise National Bank of Allegheny Judge has been one of the presidents of Andrew C. Fields in Dobbs Ferry, as Mutual Life officials and others declare they cannot find him.

Corporal Tanner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. and Adjutant John Tressdale visited the Georgia battlefields.

Farmers in the mountains near Tamaqua, Pa., are being held up and robbed by a Dick Turpin, who defies posses.

The Georgia Washington University of Washington won the annual debate with the University of Cincinnati.

President Goodell of the Conciliation Board, believes a strike in the anthracite mines will be averted.

Miss Mary Callahan, aged 26 years, Maryland woman, committed suicide on the street in Philadelphia.

Nathan Isaacson, who attempted suicide by jumping from Williamsburg Bridge, New York, and who was descending on a ferryboat, was saved from instant death by the captain of the vessel kicking his craft so that Isaacson hit the river 10 feet from the ferryboat.

Mrs. Alice Wright, of Texas, testified that Valet Charles Jones sold her he testified falsely against Lawyer Albert Patrick, under sentence to hang for the murder of Millionaire William R. Rice.

The Interstate Commerce Commission heard evidence that the six soft-coal railroads allot coal shipments among themselves and fix the rates.

The New York Mutual has instituted a second suit against Andrew C. Fields, who was formerly executive agent for the company.

George J. Gould testified in the Major-Fitzgerald suit that he contemplated building a rival road to the Western Maryland, but later acquired the line to aid his friend, Attorney Pierce. Its linking with the Wabash was an after thought.

John Alexander Dowie had a triumphant entry into Chicago, the police and fire guards being powerless to keep the people at the railroad station in order.

It is said that John D. Rockefeller is erecting a million-dollar mansion on Pocantico Hills estate as a present to his grandson.

Among the 1,500 emergency troops in Stotzenberg, Island of Luzon, 143 are suffering from malaria and 117 with other diseases.

FOREIGN

Secretary Root has informed the Russian government that any delay after September 30 next will be convenient to the United States for the holding of the second Hague Conference.

Great Britain is vigorously pressing negotiations for an Anglo-Russian treaty, with a view to completing a triple alliance of Great Britain, France and Russia against Germany.

Hunger typhus is spreading among the peasants in four Russian provinces on account of the famine. Pitiful appeals are made by the famine committees.

Professor Mattucci, director of the observatory at Vesuvius, expresses the belief that the explosive period of the volcano is at an end.

There has been no change in the attitude of France toward Venezuela in consequence of the latest demands